

## Alaskan Way Viaduct

### Guiding Principles

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Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct is to be grounded in the city, state and county's recognition of, commitment to and integration across a set of six guiding principles.

These guiding principles are as follows:

- ***Improve public safety.*** Replacing the viaduct is an urgent public safety issue. Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must improve public safety for current viaduct users and along the central waterfront.
- ***Provide efficient movement of people and goods now and in the future.*** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must optimize the ability to move people and goods today and in the future in and through Seattle in an efficient manner, including access to businesses, port and rail facilities during and after construction.
- ***Maintain or improve downtown Seattle, regional, the port and state economies.*** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must sustain the city, region, port and state's economic vitality during and after construction.
- ***Enhance Seattle's waterfront, downtown and adjacent neighborhoods as a place for people.*** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must augment Seattle's reputation as a world-class destination.
- ***Create solutions that are fiscally responsible.*** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must make wise and efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The state's contribution to the project is not to exceed \$2.8 billion in 2012 dollars.
- ***Improve the health of the environment.*** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must demonstrate environmental leadership, with a particular emphasis on supporting local, regional and state climate change, water quality and Puget Sound recovery initiatives.

Note: This document has been commented on and reviewed by the Project Oversight Committee (which includes the Governor, King County Executive, Mayor, Chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees, and Transportation Chairs from the Seattle and King County Council), the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, the WSDOT Deputy Secretary, the King County DOT Director and the Seattle DOT Director.